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Construction in Spring 1990

CALTRANS Speeds-Up Hatton Canyon Planning

By Dick Heuer

An accelerated schedule for building the Hatton Canyon Freeway has been ordered by Robert Best, director of the California Department of Transportation. "There's an increased sense of urgency in delivering this project," CALTRANS District Director Tom Pollock told the Hatton Canyon Advisory Committee on August 9.

As a result of the new direction, CALTRANS has assigned additional personnel to the project and has adopted a schedule to complete final engineering design by September 30, 1989.

Previously, final design had been anticipated some time in 1990. Final design is the last step before going out to bid for construction. Under the new schedule, construction could begin as early as spring 1990.

It is unusual to start final design of a project before the environmental approval process is completed. As previously reported, the Federal Highway Administration has delayed approval of the Environmental Impact Statement until after the California Coastal Commission holds a hearing and makes a finding on the consistency of the freeway project with the California Coastal Plan.

Pollock told the advisory committee that "as of now, we don't think the Coastal Commission decision will influence our timing. Therefore, we are proceeding with full design."

According to Rick Hyman, Coastal Commission planner handling the freeway project, the commission has received 30 letters asking that the hearing be held on the Monterey Peninsula so that local residents could attend. Hyman said this cannot be done, as budget limitations prevent holding special meetings on single issues.

The next commission meeting in Northern California will be in San Francisco in December. The September, October and November monthly meetings will be in Southern California. CALTRANS has asked the Coastal Commission to expedite the hearing and place it on the agenda for September or October.

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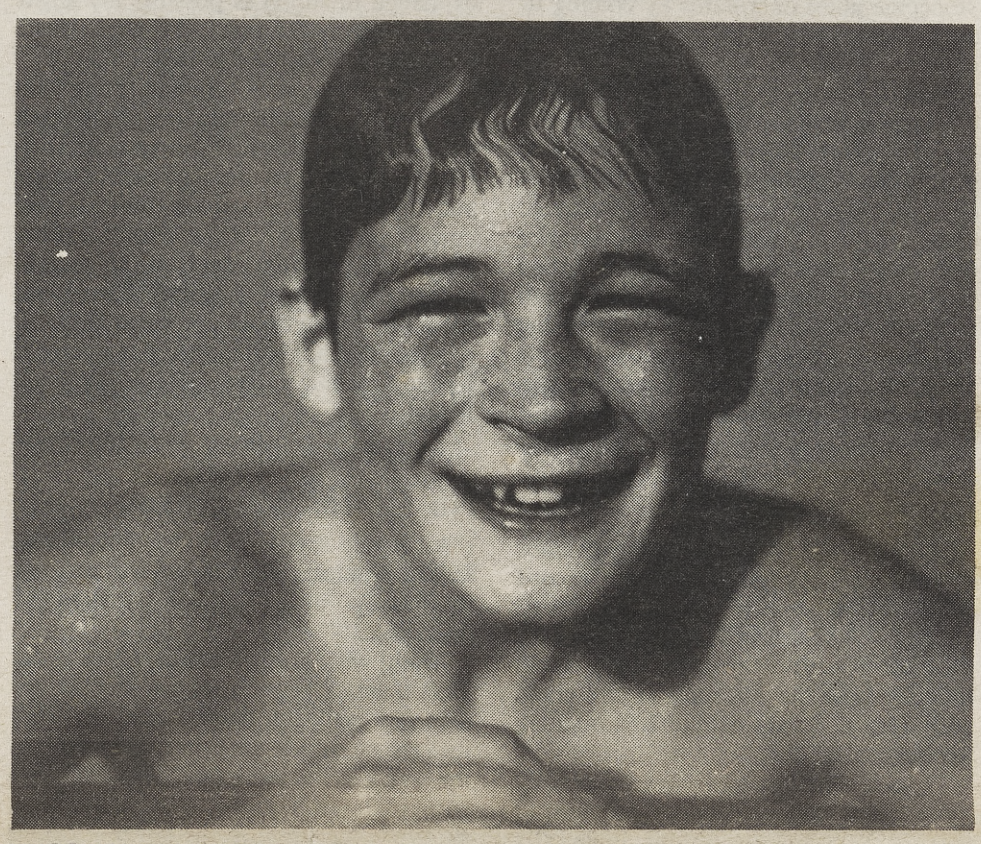

RUSSIAN "INVADER"—Sasha Dezhurnov, of Leningrad, is obviously enjoying his stay in Carmel Valley for *Peace Child* production. (Kim Newman photo)

Valley Families Host Soviet Performers for Frohman Academy

By Carolyn Rice

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming! To be exact, 16 children and five adults were brought here by the Frohman Academy to perform in the musical *Peace Child* along with 117 area youths.

Four Carmel Valley families—the Newmans, Rices, Thompsons, and Waldroups—opened their homes to the Soviet citizens who are here July 31 through August 24.

Our family has thoroughly enjoyed the experience. First, we welcomed Tania Livitskaya, a 16-year-old, willow-slim ballerina from Moscow. She speaks limited English, but on her second day, Alla Zeltser, a 12-year-old girl from Marina who is fluent in Russian, traveled with us to a San Jose party to welcome the Russians. After talking nonstop up and back with Alla's fine translating abilities, we learned much about each other. Tania's father flies cargo planes in Russia, and her mother teaches sports in a school.

Then, a few days later, we added Zvieta Vodolazhskaya to our household. This

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CAC Will Ask Supervisors To Reject Cachagua Plan

The Board of Supervisors will hear from an angry group of Cachagua residents when they consider the draft Cachagua Area Plan at a 3 p.m. public hearing on August 30.

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) that prepared the first draft of the plan is upset that a subcommittee of the Planning Commission "drastically and radically changed" the plan without any consultation with the committee or the residents of the area.

"We will ask the supervisors to send the plan back to the Planning Commission with instructions to work more closely with the Citizens Advisory Committee," said Charity Crane, committee chair. "If they don't do that, we will ask them to delete all references to the plan being based on citizen input," she added.

At the request of the CAC, the *Sun* met with four of the committee members to hear their concerns.

"We worked hard to develop a plan. We held 27 meetings over the course of more than one year, and we got a lot of input from residents of the area. Now the Planning Commission has totally and completely ignored our views," said committee member David Ostrander.

The Planning Committee subcommittee that made all the changes held eight meetings and took one field trip to Cachagua, Crane explained. CAC members were not invited to participate in any of these meetings. "There were no meetings, no discussion, no interaction at all between the Planning Commission subcommittee that radically changed the plan and our citizens committee that developed the plan.

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Bank Update

"We are now strongly pursuing the option of starting our own bank," Roger Williams told an August 12 meeting of the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee.

We have spoken with nine banks about their opening a branch in the Village, and the prospects for making that happen do not look good at this time. Therefore, we are now investigating the procedures for opening our own bank, Williams told the group.

Williams was speaking for a five member committee that has been seeking a replacement for Bank of America, which closes its Village branch on August 31. Peter Coakley, another committee member, said "it would be tragic for this town not to have a bank, so we are determined one way or another to bring a bank in here."

Carmel River Posted Due To Contamination

Monterey County Health Department Inspector Roger Ponessa advised the *Sun* late Friday, August 12, that the Carmel River has been POSTED for "high coliform bacteria counts" in the water at three sites.

Garland Ranch Park at the footbridge tested 2400 fecal coliform per hundred mililiters sample, Rosie's Bridge (Esquiline Road) tested 490, and the Lagoon at the ocean tested 790.

Maximum allowable test count is 200 for human contact with water.

These sites were posted Friday, and followup tests were scheduled for Monday, August 15, at these sites and at least three more locations along the river.

Ponessa reported the contamination is believed to probably be from animal waste rather than septic tank pollution.

"We will do a differentiation sampling on Monday, to more precisely identify the source of contamination at the three identified sites and others to be tested.

"The posting notices will remain in place until at least two tests at each location reveal allowable levels of coliform count," he said. "Test results take four days, so Monday's test results will be known Friday morning.

"Therefore the posted areas will be off limits to people for at least two weeks," he added.

The river mouth lagoon has frequently recorded high coliform levels from seabird droppings, so the 790 count test with stagnant water conditions is not unusual for the lagoon, Ponessa advised.

LETTERS

Re: Traffic Triggers

To say that I get very suspicious when lawyers start talking about 'logic' and bring in outside 'experts' to back up thieir so-called logic, is to say that politicians are honest fellows and have our very best interests in mind. After reading about the current controversy concerning traffic trigger points and about the various meetings and so forth, it occurred to my most illogical but common sensical mind that, indeed, traffic could decrease between Esquiline and Holman while increasing to the east of Holman.

How, you ask? Well, of course, this makes no sense if we think of C.V. Road as a dead end road but, hey, you can get to Stonepine and Los Tulares by coming in from Greenfield and by leaving the same way.

Now, I don't know how many commuters there are who go to Greenfield every day—not too many I suspect—but, well, you could be coming to Stonepine or Los Tulares from El Lay, maybe. Then, we can't rule out the terrorist factor—perhaps some nefarious group hired an individual to go back and forth over the traffic counter at 3:00 in the morning. I could go on, but it makes me think of Disraeli's quote, "there are two kinds of lies, outright lies and statistics."

Lee Freedom

Shelly's IS Open

The last issue of the *Sun* printed rumor as fact, and I'd like to set the record straight.

Shelly's Kitchen will remain open until it's sold. It is true, however, that I would like this to be the last summer so I could concentrate on my Edible Landscaping business.

To help this along, I have drastically reduced the price of *Shelly's Kitchen* to make it affordable to anyone (hopefully local) who has ever dreamed of having his own restaurant.

Shelly Schachter

Reader Follow Up

I would like to follow up my letter printed in the last edition of the Sun with further information. I received many calls about my letter, most in agreement with what I had said. One call, however, was from Supervisor Strasser-Kauffman.

She told me she did not intend a negative tone to her statements; that she meant she did not think real estate agents in Monterey would travel the distance to Cachagua to sell property, and that I had taken her words out of context.

I was not the only person who interpreted her words the way I did, but I have since talked with others who interpreted her comments the way she has explained them. It is possible my anger has filtered my hearing, and if I have made a mistake I would like to clear it up.

The problems with communicating with our "public servants" remains. In the past two weeks I have heard of even more frustrating attempts on the part of Cachagua and Carmel Valley residents to deal with county personnel. Supervisor Strasser-Kauffman has challenged me to recommend some sort of solution. I have one idea, but I sure could use some help. If anyone else has any ideas, I sure would like to hear them. Things have got to get better!

Ileene M. Crane-Franks

No Water Shortage

An ample supply of water is available for the Monterey Peninsula. We can't use it simply because our storage is inadequate.

Along with our present usage of about 18,000 acre feet per year, another 50,000 acre feet per year, on the average, flows into the ocean via the Carmel River. "On the average" is the catch. In 1978, the surplus flow was over 150,000 acre feet; in 1983, the surplus was over 250,000 acre feet. However, in the years 1977 and 1988, the river discharge was zero. These are just examples.

Also, our present inadequate storage of a mere 2600 acre feet for the two dams and 30,000 acre feet in the aquifers is not enough to save the dying Carmel River riparian habitat. We must have at least 10,000 acre feet additional storage just to restore and maintain the Valley ecology.

With three dry years in a row, we are in serious trouble. Weather patterns are predictably erratic.

A minimum of 25,000 acre feet of new storage is needed. Only a new dam can provide it. All proposed alternatives combined are not one fifth enough.

The water is there for good use. Mankind cannot consume water. We just borrow it for a while. There has been the same amount of water on the earth for a few billion years. Water just recycles endlessly.

Paul Beemer

Editorial

By Dick Heuer

Check Your Trees

If you live on the Valley floor east of Scarlett Road, you would be well advised to check your trees—today. The water table in this area is being pumped much lower than ever before, and some trees will succumb to the stress if no action is taken to protect them.

Willows and cottonwoods, in particular, like to stand with their feet in the water most of the year. They are the ones most likely to be hurt by the premature lowering of the water table. Most other species are accustomed to a dry summer, but some others may also be affected.

Look for yellowing of leaves and premature dropping of leaves. Droopy leaves are also a sign of stress.

If you live along the river, check your river bank especially carefully, as the roots of that vegetation are what hold your sandy bank in place. If you let that vegetation die, your property is a likely target for erosion when the winter storms finally do return.

Watering stressed willows and cottonwoods is a legitimate use of water even in this drought year—especially in this drought year, as this is the only time they need it. If you do the watering properly, most water not used by the trees will eventually return to the aquifer.

Watering properly means getting the water to the roots while losing very little to evaporation. A root-waterer is ideal. The main thing to avoid is sprinkling water on the ground between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., as these are the hours of greatest evaporation.

If in doubt as to whether a tree needs water or how to do it, check with a professional.

During the 1976-77 drought, so much of the riverbank vegetation died that Carmel Valley property owners lost almost $10 million of property to erosion during the following rainy years.

To prevent that from happening again, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District allocated $234,000 for an emergency riverbank irrigation program this summer. That program was supposed to be on line in July. However, the water district has fiddled and diddled in approving and implementing the program, so it won't be in place until September.

That may be too late to do any good, so riverfront property owners who can do so should ensure their own banks are watered as needed.

Response To Ford Rd. Article

Your August 3 article and photo about Ford Rd. and Carmel Valley Rd. AND Village Green is inaccurate.

The photographer's picture was not where the cars stop before proceeding. If they stop at the sign, yes, they have less vision. Of course we know there are those who have run the stop. Village Green has not approved cutting down the curve; that is behind *our* home.

How many blind corners are there? Have you tried to leave Pilot Rd. or the library when some one is going hell bent for leather? The shopping center opposite the Running Iron has a very poor area for vision for cars coming west.

Cutting down our embankment will only give the speeder a straighter road for his stomping on the accelerator; I know, we hear them all day and night.

Of course, we could cut down the west side of Ford Road, thereby making access to Carmel Valley Road faster.

Beth Corbett

EPA Criticized

EPA's (Environmental Protection Agency) criticism of the criteria or purpose for the water project of the MPWMD (Monterey Peninsula Water Management District) as shown in the IES/EIR (Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report), is narrow, unbending and logically flawed. The process is complicated, confusing and frustrating, and it is understandable that the reporting of the happenings can be misunderstood or skewed. the Water District Board and Staff feel the reasons for the ten-month controversy between EPA and the MPWMD are arbitrary and capricious.

EPA's underlying, primary concern is with the Steelhead fish habitat, and their entire focus is to protect or enhance that Steelhead run at any cost, which, in effect, is to thwart the Water District from resolving the water problems of the Monterey Peninsula. EPA's stated preference as to alternatives, size of a dam or other activities is inadequate to solve or provide for the needs of the people. EPA's preoccupation with small size dams, (8,000 ac. ft.) or other band-aid type approaches is unacceptable to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District directors and staff. Twenty years of studies, expending of millions of dollars, and thousands of hours of time by citizen committees, management and staff of the district, consultants, ad/infinitum provide compelling evidence in favor of a 29,000 ac. ft. dam at the San Clemente site.

EPA's statement that the MPWMD directors and staff have as their primary or main goal, enhancement of the river, is incorrect. The main purpose and goal of building a dam of adequate size is to provide water for the people of the community who live here now and water for economic viability and growth allowed by land use plans. In addition to the above main purposes, building a size dam that will increase stream flow into the Carmel Valley aquifer will enhance the dying Steelhead run, help eliminate soil erosion, protect property and homes from financial ruin. It will also provide aesthetic environmental enhancement and recreational opportunity. In the process, we have worked towards a fish passage solution acceptable to EPA and other agencies, estimated to cost $10 million or 1/5 of the entire water project, that is reasonable and practicable to the district.

The MPWMD is dedicated to resolve our differences with EPA and all other governmental agencies, however, the directors and staff of the district will not cower or agree to proposals that are not in the best interests of the citizenry of the district. The people deserve no less.

Nick Lombardo
Chairman, Monterey Peninsula
Water Management District

New Babies

Kyle Douglas, son, born to **Ann** and **Kip Murchison,** July 29.

William Thomas, son, born to **Sally Sawyer** and **Peter Scrivani,** July 26.

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CALTRANS Offers Freeway Information at Open House

CALTRANS is inviting local residents to come to an Open House to ask questions and receive information about the Hatton Canyon Freeway project.

The Open House will be held on Monday, August 22 from 2 to 8 p.m. and again on Tuesday, August 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Babcock Room of Sunset Community Center in Carmel. Sunset Center is located on San Carlos between 8th and 10th Avenues.

A scale model of the proposed freeway will be on display. There will be before and after photographs and a wide variety of other displays and exhibits. Written answers to the most frequently asked questions will be available.

Project managers for the Hatton Canyon project as well as other CALTRANS officials and members of the Hatton Canyon Advisory Committee will be in attendance to discuss and answer questions from the community.

In announcing the Open House, CALTRANS District Director Tom Pollock noted that, "We realize that the Hatton Canyon project is of concern to many Carmel area residents. It is our hope that this Open House will increase understanding of the project and the positive effect it will have on the Monterey Peninsula."

Hatton Canyon Speed Up

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Hyman told the *Sun* that a decision on the date and time for the hearing may be made in the next few days.

Meanwhile, the Committee for Carmel Area Traffic Solutions is still collecting signatures on a petition asking for a new look at alternatives to the present CALTRANS design. Information on over 4,000 signers of this petition has already been input into a computer data base program. Roughly 1,500 more signatures are in process, according to committee member Stanley Worth. The computer printout will be presented to the Coastal Commission and elected officials, Worth said.

A Hatton Canyon Advisory Committee is assisting CALTRANS in making decisions regarding the appearance of the freeway. It's role is to "assist in identifying the special regional visual character which is to be preserved and enhanced, and develop aesthetic goals and objectives to guide the project design." As one committee member stated privately, "We're the window dressing committee."

At its August 9 meeting, the committee was given an accelerated schedule for dealing with the aesthetic issues. It is to make recommendations on the following items by the dates indicated: number of spans for the bridges, late August; need for and location of sound barriers, late September; style and form of bridge architecture, early October; type of sound barriers, early October; retaining walls, late October; grading, November; lighting, December; sign structures, December; landscape and revegetation, January.

The committee consists of local residents representing diverse perspectives on the project. Its members are Chairman L.M. "Mo" Orrett, Ernest Easterbrook, Wallace Holm, Phillis Dufur, James Josoff, Joyce Stevens, Robert Wahl, Roger Williams, Tommy Tomblin, Diane White and James Wright.

Water District Restricts Use of Water Sprinklers

You can still water your garden and landscaping and wash your car, but if you don't do it correctly you will be violating the law.

Starting September 8, it will be illegal to water lawns, gardens or ornamental landscaping between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. unless you use a drip system or a hand watering system with a quick-acting shut-off nozzle.

Use of overhead sprinklers during the heat of the day is prohibited, as so much water is lost to evaporation. Sprinklers may be used before 9 a.m. and after 5 p.m. Professional gardners should contact the Water Management District to learn about exceptions that apply to their trade.

Limits on outdoor watering are just one of many provisions of a mandatory water conservation ordinance approved by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District on August 8. The ordinance becomes effective next month. Persistent violation after being warned to stop a wasteful practice can lead to fines of $250 per day and 33¢ per gallon of water wasted.

The ordinance also:

- Prohibits use of potable water to wash sidewalks or roadways.
- Prohibits washing of cars, buildings or exterior surfaces without use of quick-acting shut-off nozzles.
- Establishes mandatory conservation measures to be taken by hotels and restaurants, certain trades, government buildings and schools, and public utilities.
- Prohibits the waste of water from easily correctable leaks, breaks or malfunctions.

Approximately 50 percent of summer time water usage is outdoors, so this is where major savings can be achieved.

Water Conservation Kit Distribution

Distribution of water conservation kits to all residences in Carmel Valley and Carmel has been completed, according to Michael Ricker, who supervises the program for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

If anyone did not receive a kit for any reason, perhaps because they were out of town or were accidentally missed, they are requested to call DMC Energy at 373-0799. Give them your name and address and ask that a kit be delivered to you. DMC Energy is the firm hired by the water district to distribute the kits.

Anyone who has had difficulty in installing the kits may call the Builders Exchange of the Monterey Peninsula for assistance. The number is 373-3033. Members of the Builders Exchange have volunteered their time free of charge to help install the kit for any resident who cannot do it him or herself.

Cachagua residents who live outside the water district boundary did not receive the kits. In Carmel Highlands, kit distribution is scheduled for August 19.

To date, over 23,000 water conservation kits have been distributed to district residents. Kit distribution is now underway in Pacific Grove.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

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GARZAS RD. Resident reports his roadside mailbox and redwood post removed completely. No value given. 8/2

GARZAS RD. Resident reports someone took her check for $1,300. Check made out to complainant and two other people. 8/3

CARMEL VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB. Gardening supervisor reports Echo chainsaw taken from area of gardening shed. Value about $130.00. 8/4

BRINTON'S. Employee reports a woman took some plants and left. No value given. 8/4.

TIN LIZZIE RESTAURANT. Patrol observation of an open door at the restaurant. 8/6.

EL CAMINITO. Resident who is in Fresno requests house check on August 5. Upon his return from Fresno, resident will recontact deputy if he wishes further report. 8/7.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

VIA MALLORCA. Resident reports being abused by her husband who now has an emergency Temporary Restraining Order prohibiting him from going near the house until August 8. 8/5.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

RIO RD. Resident reports that his windshield was broken and he was shoved by another man. Subject claimed the complainant assaulted him with his vehicle and brandished a small club at him and his girlfriend. 8/1.

W. CARMEL VALLEY RD. Resident reports that a 13-year-old chestnut brown quarter horse wandered onto his property. Resident is boarding horse until owner is located. (*Bring wallet!*) 8/2.

CARMEL VIEWS. Resident reports receiving another phone call from subject in violation of restraining order. *(We missed the first part of this story, for sure!)* 8/2.

W. CARMEL VALLEY RD. Resident reports having difficulties with man at the same address. She is evicting man after foreclosing the property. She feels he is removing property that belongs to her. *(Solomon, where are you?)* 8/4.

GARZAS RD. Man reports another man physically abused him and threatened him. 8/4.

CARMEL VALLEY RANCH. Employee reports hotel guest acting weird and talking to himself. *(Many of us, therefore, must be weird!)* 8/5.

LOS OSITOS. Resident reports that a woman at the same address grabbed her and scratched her on August 4. 8/5. The following day, the same resident as above called to request a standby while her friend moved out.

CANADA VALLEY DR. Two male friends had a mutual combat. Neither wanted to file charges and vowed friendship again. *(Next week, East Lynne.)* 8/6.

MID VALLEY SHOPPING CTR. 16-year-old male juvenile called from Mid Valley Chevron to report he was struck in the face by a white male adult in a new model pick up truck after this guy tried to run them off th road. Suspect caught by sergeant. 8/8.

CACHAGUA RD. Resident reports he is worried about his girlfriend of the same address who is returning from Wyoming and has not telephoned him. He is worried about her safety. *(And then?)* 8/8.

VIA PETRA. Resident reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Man found sleeping in his vehicle in front of Via Petra address. 8/8

IT'S THEIR PARTY!

W. GARZAS RD. Anonymous phone caller reported loud party at neighboring address. Contacted neighbor who promised to keep the noise down. 8/3.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

RIO RD. Resident reports noises in nearby unit. *(And then what happened?)* 8/4.

ONE (OR MORE) TOO MANY

CARMEL VALLEY VILLAGE. Monterey man arrested for driving under the influence in front of the Running Iron. 8/2.

CACHAGUA RD. Resident reported that a woman guest lost consciousness due to excessive alcohol consumption. Woman transported for observation to CHOMP by Peninsula Medics. 8/6.

LA RANCHERIA. Man cited for open container. 8/6.

GOING TO THE DOGS

HOLMAN RD. Resident called to complain about nearby dog barking. Owner of dog agreed to bring animal inside and keep it quiet. 8/3.

LOST...AND/OR FOUND

RANCHO CANADA. Secretary reports jacket and wallet belonging to Irving, Texas, man found. 8/1.

RIO RD. Big Sur man reports he lost his green wallet in the phone booth at the Chevron Station on Rio Rd. No contents or value given. 8/4.

CROSSROADS CINEMA. Seaside woman reports losing her black leather purse in Cinema. Purse contained credit cards, checkbook, and $17 cash. 8/8.

CHECK & DOUBLE CHECK

MID VALLEY SAFEWAY. Employee reports bad check from woman. No amount given. 8/5.

KASEY'S. Owner reports bad checks from man. No amount given. 8/5.

HANG UP THE PHONE!

W. CARMEL VALLEY RD. Resident reports receiving obscene phone call from neighbor. 8/3.

Supervisors Add Conditions To Parking Lot Approval

A hassle over a new parking lot on East Garzas Road has been resolved with both sides getting more or less what they wanted.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District will get a 10-car overflow parking lot at the end of East Garzas Road, near the new deDampierre addition to Garland Park. Reid and Karen Woodward, who appealed the Planning Commission's approval of the parking lot, succeeded in having a number of conditions added to the permit.

The Board of Supervisors finalized the decision on August 2. The project had been controversial, as it will attract additional traffic to a residential street, and the parking lot will be located within the gate to the Trail and Saddle Club.

New conditions added to the permit as a result of the appeal to the supervisors include:

- The park district shall improve the access driveway to the Trail and Saddle Club by oiling or chip-sealing the dusty dirt road.
- The park district agrees not to encourage use of the lot by publicizing or advertising its location.
- The lot shall be marked with a sign reading "Overflow Parking—Primary Parking Lot, Trail Access and Restroom Facilities at the Little League Facility off Paso Hondo Road, Carmel Valley Village."
- Mountain bikes shall be prohibited from trails in the deDampierre and Condon additions to Garland Park.
- The park district shall install no-climb wire fencing between the parking lot and the Trail and Saddle Club.
- The park district shall maintain one portable toilet at the site to discourage visitors from using the adjacent Trail and Saddle Club toilets.

Family Recovery Is Forum Topic

Janet Whitney, interventionist/educator at Community Hospital Recovery Center, will conduct a public forum on "Family Recovery" from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, August 20, at the Education Center of the Community Hospital Recovery Center, Hartnell St., Monterey.

In addition to its individual inpatient and outpatient treatment programs for adults and adolescents, the Recovery Center also has family services. For information, call 373-0924.

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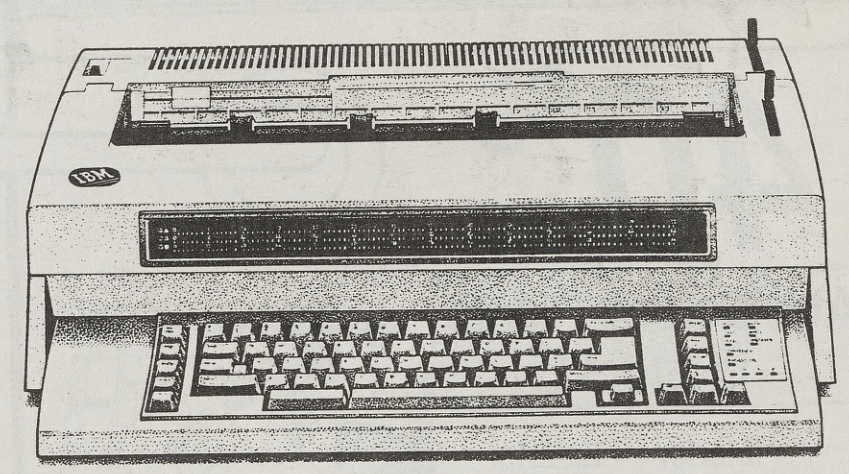

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County Will Develop Plan For Ford Road Intersection

At the intersection of Ford Road and Carmel Valley Road, "we have a disaster waiting to happen every minute of every day," according to Peter Coakley, who owns the Valley Lodge at that corner.

A visitor staying at the Valley Lodge was killed at that intersection in April, and three Valley residents were injured in another accident in July.

The Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee, at its August 12 meeting, brought together the parties who are able to do something about that intersection—Elyse Battey and Bob Byrne representing the Village Green Homeowners Association and Dick Wyatt, senior civil engineer in the County's Public Works Department.

There was agreement on a two-pronged attack on the problem: a need to cut back the berm to improve visibility at the intersection, and also a need to slow down traffic rounding the curve at that location.

Wyatt agreed that the County would develop an engineering plan for cutting back the berm, to determine how much work the County can do and how much difference that will make. That means checking out property lines, the location of buried utility lines, and sight distances.

Wyatt will also look at means of slowing traffic on that curve in Carmel Valley Road. That could involve moving the school crosswalk sign so that drivers can see it better, installing an intersection sign, or putting down "rumble strips" to alert drivers to possible danger ahead. He will give a technical report at the next CVVIC meeting, September 9.

Village Green has commissioned a survey of its property lines to be done August 25. This will determine the precise line between the association's property and the County right-of-way. Wyatt indicated the County may be precluded from working on Village Green property.

Battey is President of the Village Green Home Owners Association. She said that the association "believes the crux of the problem is the speeding vehicles not the berm or vegetation. In order for us to agree to cut the berm, we would need to be assured that other measures will be taken as well to reduce travel speed on that curve."

Battey is concerned that improving visibility on the curve may cause drivers to increase their speed. CVVIC members agreed that "we are the problem. When we stand on that corner and watch the cars speed past going much faster than the 35 mph speed limit, we recognize most drivers as our friends."

The group concluded that there are a number of dangerous intersections in the Village area, and that people should be encouraged to obey the speed limit.

Quit Smoking Class Offered By Hospital

Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital is offering a four-session quit smoking class, "Fresh Start," developed by the American Cancer Society on August 22, 25, 29, and September 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Board Room

The class will cover smoking habit/addiction, how to quit smoking and stay quit, and planning for relapses.

Pre-registration is required by calling 424-7908. There is a fee of $25 per participant.

PEOPLE ARE READING

News from the Carmel Valley Library

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A Glimpse Of Stocking...Elizabeth Gage
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*Doctors**...Erich Segal
Crazy In Love...Luanne Rice
Tart, With A Silken Finish...Peter Barthelme
The Silver Ghost...Charlotte MacLeod
The House That Jack Built...Ed McBain
This Far From Paradise...Philip Shelby
White Cargo...Stuart Woods
Marilyn's Daughter...John Rechy
The Pledge...Howard Fast
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Alternative Health Care For Women...Patsy Westcott
Modern American Poets: Their Voices & Visions...Robert DiYanni
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Library Movie September 2

David Lean's *The Bridge On The River Kwai*, starring Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins, William Holden and Sessue Hayakawa, will be shown at Carmel Valley Library Friday, September 2nd at 7:30 p.m., sharp. Admission: $2.50 adults, $1 children. For information, call 659-2377.

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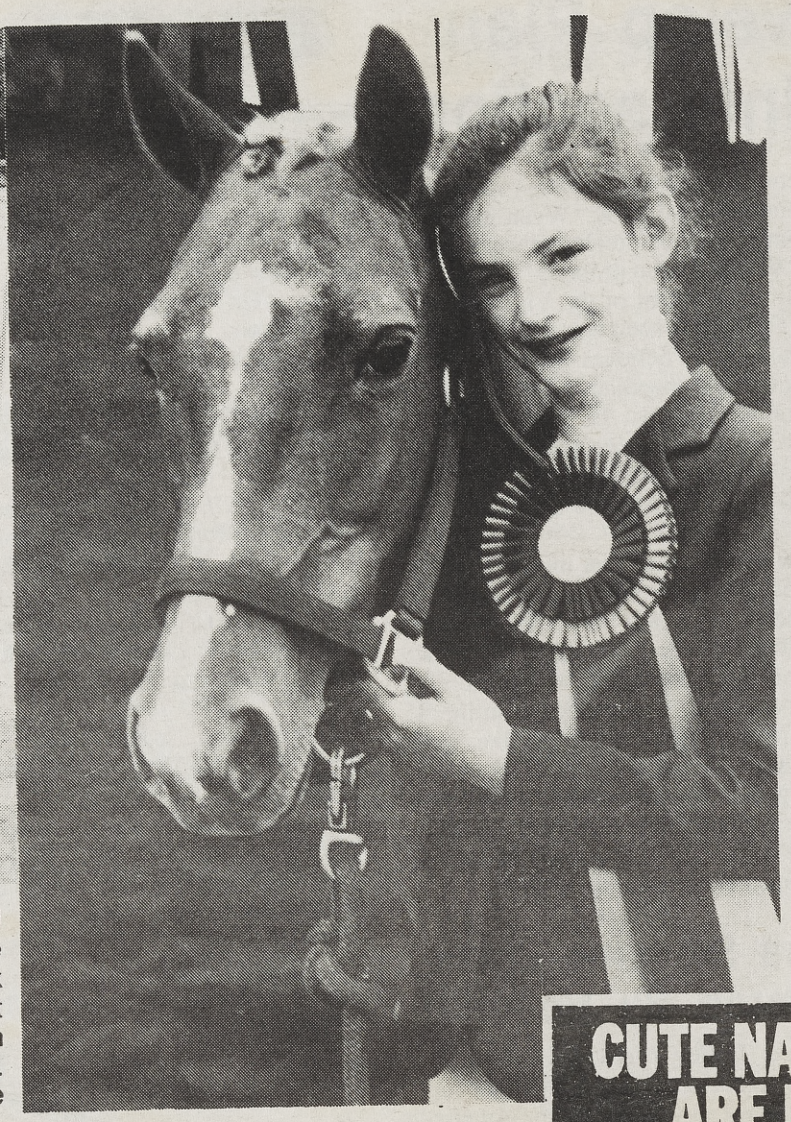
RESERVE CHAMPION—Amber Heintzberger and "Lucky Penny" competing in a jumper class at the Monterey National Horse Show, where they took Reserve Champion Honors. They are current point leaders in CSYA Region 10 competition in the Small-Medium Pony Hunter-Jumper Division. Amber is the daughter of Hank and Leslie Heintzberger of the Village.



HI-POINT CHAMPION—Marcy Connelly of Carmel garnered top honors over several days of a series of events in the Small/Medium Pony Hunter-Jumper classes during the July Monterey National Horse Show. The nine-year-old daughter of Barry and Virginia Connelly rode "Sweet and Sassy" to the PCHA, NorCal and Show Championships.

Off-Road Vehicles Present Fire Hazard

The appeal of off road vehicles has grown dramatically in recent years. Not only have sales increased, but new designs are being offered. The increased traffic in the wildlands concerns the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF).

California law requires motorcycles, quadrunners, and tricycles to be equipped with a spark arrester. Four-wheel vehicles, which also drive on the road, must have a sound, workable muffler system. If a fire is started by an off-road vehicle on grass or brush-covered hills and the proper exhaust system is not present, the driver can be cited and required to pay the cost of suppressing the fire.

Off-road drivers should observe these points:

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SAVE YOUR SHARE
A water conservation message from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

THE REV. ROBERT H. TARR officiated for this wedding in the Patio of The Iron Kettle in the Village. The nuptial pair were Laurel Kim Betton and Wayne Anthony Kinder, both of Phoenix. Selected coastal locations were *fogged in* on the ceremony date, and Rev. Tarr saved the day with his knowledge of the Iron Kettle Patio for a perfect outdoor service. (Filmcraft Photo)

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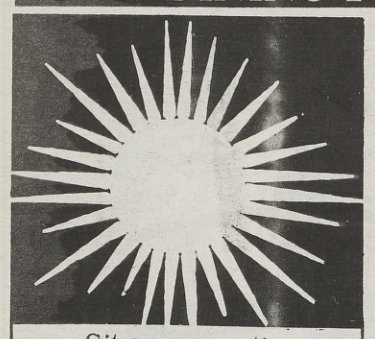

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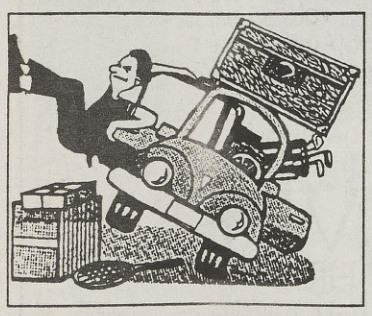

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Maria Writes———*Lotus Root Serves As Thai Food Staple*

Lotus is a name that awakens echoes of oriental poetry rather than physical hunger in the Western mind. But Lotus Root is an important food as well. The Lotus has long been known in China, Thailand and India. To Buddhists the plant has significance because Gautama Buddha, founder of the religion, is often represented seated on a Lotus flower or holding a Lotus blossom. Most Thai people are Buddhists. When central Asian migrants reached Siam's central plain, they came into contact with Indian culture and Hinduized city-states.

It is said that after the Buddha achieved enlightenment, apart from its mystical significance, the Lotus remained one of China's important sources of food and medicine—Root, Fruit, Seeds and Leaves can be used. The flower's dried stamen serves as an ingredient in cosmetics and as an astringent used for skin care. To Chinese physicians the seeds also have medicinal value as an aphrodisiac....the root is also sometimes ground into a starchy paste used as arrowroot....the Lotus root as a culinary thickener has largely given way to the low-cost and readily available cornstarch.

Vegetarian Diet Variation Offers Benefits

Once in a while, everyone can benefit from a vegetarian diet. It can help you reduce high blood pressure and cholesterol levels, while increasing strength. When you are on the right diet track, your digestive system will support your physical and emotional well-being. You do not eat with your ear and eye. You eat with your mouth——and your overall physical feeling reflects what you have eaten.

My father would tell me as a bedtime story— What his grandparents had told him about China and the family history, generation by generation, back into antiquity. When his grandparents were young, they worked their land which they loved as the very foundation of the family. The family oxen were great friends, and great help on the land in the production of rice. Because of this, there was strong belief within the family that it was good luck and blessed for them to not eat beef. I never saw my father eat beef. Pork and chicken sometimes, seafood daily.

Since I reopened *Bangkok Garden,* most dishes have relied more heavily upon vegetables. I can best prepare non-meat dishes, with the flavor of meat, but with appearance and texture assuming more importance.

Vegetarian Shrimp is made with water chestnuts, *Sweet and Sour* is produced with Lotus Root, *Duck* is possible with crisp bean-curd skin, *Chicken* is prepared from soft soybean curd, and *Beef* is created with Oyster Mushrooms.

Some of our guests ask me, "Maria, how could you be a food consultant and good cook, you sure look skinny." My answer is simple, "Because I cook healthy food. I am skinny and strong like a little Thai hot chili pepper!!" It won't hurt Americans to be on a vegetarian diet sometimes, to find out how their body's systems react, and how their minds work without animal fat.

Diplomatic Travel Created Chop Suey

Two dishes Americans do know well from oriental restaurants are Chop Suey and Chow Mein. One explanation of their origin is that Li Hung Chang, the Chinese emperor's emissary, while traveling in the U.S. during the 19th century, suffered agonizing indigestion following a hard week of official banqueting. His aide, Lo Feng Lun suggested a bland diet dish, a concoction of celery and other vegetables sauteed with port—thus was Chop Suey born.

Vegetables little known in the U.S., but often found in Thai-Chinese recipes are ginger root, water chestnuts, bamboo shoots and bean sprouts. All can be bought canned, but are better if you can find fresh supplies.....especially ginger root.

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AT&T (Formerly COMSAT) May Build Another Dish Antenna

In response to inquiries from concerned members of the community, the *Sun* has learned that the AT&T satellite communications station in Cachagua is considering building another, large dish antenna.

Clint Wheeler, supervisor of the station since AT&T took it over from COMSAT on January 1, 1988, told the *Sun* that increasing service demands and changing technology are creating the need for another antenna to handle communications with an INTELSAT communications satellite in orbit over the Pacific Ocean.

The Jamesburg facility is one of two U.S. earth stations that relay international microwave communications from throughout the Pacific basin.

The decision to build a second parabolic dish antenna is still under study. "It has not yet been approved by the upper echelons at AT&T," according to Wheeler.

COMSAT's 1985 plan to expand the communications station prompted strong community opposition and was rejected by the Planning Commission. Neighbors expressed concern about possible but unproven health impacts from long term exposure to low frequency microwave radiation. Others were concerned about the appearance of large antennas in a visually sensitive rural valley.

COMSAT's plan included: two additional dish antennas for international communications, one 105 feet in diameter and one 62 feet in diameter, both mounted on 20 foot high pedestals; several rectangular antennas about 45 feet high to communicate with domestic satellites over the southwest U.S., and an additional 24,700 sq. ft. of building space.

According to Wheeler, AT&T has no intention of resurrecting the COMSAT plan. It is considering only one dish antenna 18 meters (about 59 feet) in diameter, and mounted on the ground. "That means the overall height would probably be less than half the height of the existing dish," Wheeler said.

AT&T believes its 1968 use permit allows construction of a second dish. "Once we get approval from our own headquarters, then we will meet with the County to find out what we must do in order to proceed," Wheeler told the *Sun*. The anticipated construction date would be the latter part of 1989, he said.

According to documents obtained by the *Sun* from the County Planning Department, the 1968 use permit does not specify the number of dish antennas that are permitted. A statement of intent submitted with the original application does clearly refer to a "second antenna to be constructed at a later date." The use permit states that the location and uses of all buildings, signs and structures must be approved by the Director of Planning, and that the design of all buildings and structures must be approved by the Planning Commission.

Cachagua Plan

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Communication was absolutely zero," Crane told the *Sun*.

James Kachler noted, "there seems to be a lot of emphasis on placing all the planning areas into the same pile, without giving any consideration to the uniqueness of each one."

"Our plan represents the desires of the residents of Cachagua. The Planning Commission document clearly does not," added Lupe Alonzo.

"We need a plan that captures the differences between a sparsely populated, rural agricultural area like Cachagua and the far more populated areas like Carmel Valley. We need policies that reflect these differences," Ostrander explained.

"Cachagua is a remote area that has inadequate roads and inadequate medical, police and fire services," Kachler said, and Crane added "we've been told they will not be increased." All the committee members agreed this should be the basis for a number of policies that are different for Cachagua than for other areas.

The CAC has been concerned, for example, that the County's tourist promotion brochures have been promoting tourist travel to Cachagua. Kachler observed that "if tourism to Cachagua is to happen, it should be a natural development, not something that is encouraged by the County. Tourism in Cachagua should not be force-fed to the public until we have the proper roads and medical, police and fire services."

Other differences between the CAC and Planning Commission concern policies on a regional park, trails, bicycle paths, cottage industry, service centers, and means of protecting the economic viability of ranching and viticultural operations.

Literally hundred of changes have been made that we strongly disagree with, Crane explained. "And none of these changes has ever been discussed with us. There is no way we can deal with these changes individually in the hearing before the supervisors. The only solution is for the supervisors to send the whole plan back to the Planning Commission with instructions to the commissioners to start talking with us," Crane said.

Kiwanis Completes Facelift For Valley's Hospice Grounds

Members of Monterey's Kiwanis Club spent two weekends in July enhancing the entrance to the Hospice of the Monterey Peninsula inpatient facility on Carmel Valley Road.

Hayward Lumber, Granite Construction Company, Bricklayers and Tile Setters Local #16, and Burlwood Industries also donated time and materials to the project spearheaded by Harry Osborne of The Kiwanis.

"Although a new 24-bed facility is planned, it is not projected to be completed until late 1990," said Robert Brower, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

"In the meantime we are pleased to have our existing facility receive this upgrade. The inpatient hospice home is vitally important to our ongoing program of patient care and is currently operating at capacity."

The facility was opened in 1979 due in large part to the efforts of volunteers who donated time and materials to renovate and decorate the fifty-year-old former residence.

"This Kiwanis improvement adds a more welcoming look to our Hospice home," said Brower. "Providing a home-like surrounding for our patients and their families is an important element of Hospice care."

The inpatient component of hospice care provides a place for short-term stays when patients with life-threatening illness need specific pain/symptom control or intensive nursing support.

The Monterey Kiwanis has been involved with Hospice of the Monterey Peninsula since 1981 when it decorated and furnished a room at the inpatient facility. More recently, Kiwanis gave $1,500 for new bookshelves at the Hospice Resource Center and underwrote the Hospice June 1988 newsletter.

Kiwanis was also responsible for start-up funds for Hospice's Griefbusters program which was designed to aid school-age children in learning to deal with loss.

For referral or information on the Hospice program, call 648-4210, or the Development Office at 372-6565.

Stop Smoking Class Set

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula offers an eight-session, four-week class to help people kick the smoking habit.

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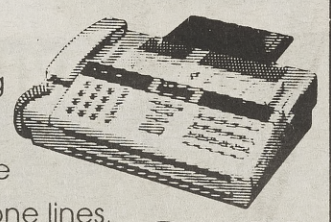

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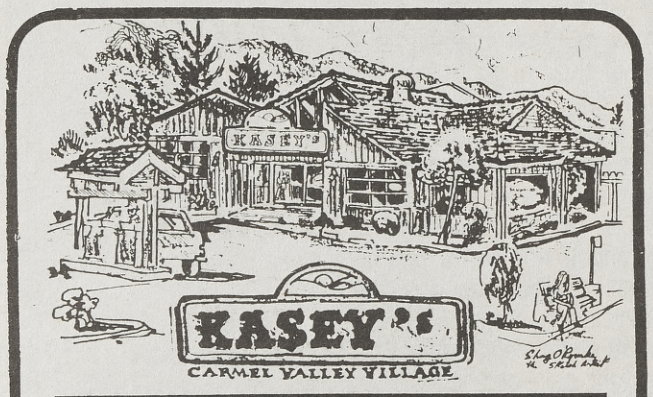

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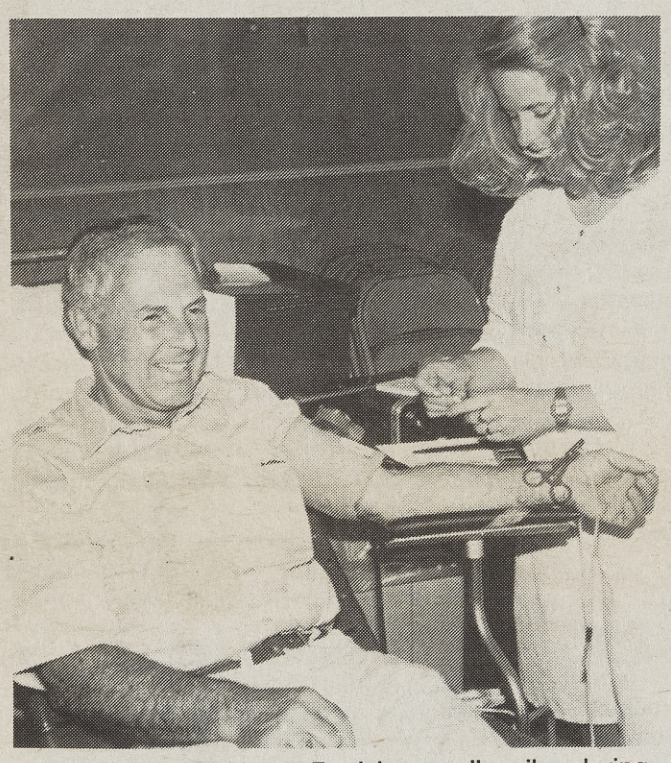

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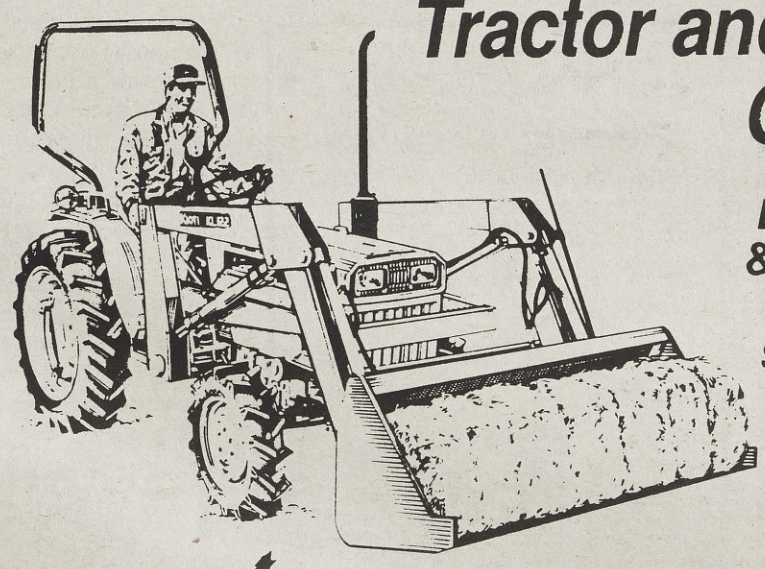

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Carmel Valley Road

By Dick Heuer

Supervisors Load Gun, Don't Pull Trigger

The Board of Supervisors loaded the gun but refused to pull the trigger in their August 2 decisions on traffic issues relating to Carmel Valley Road.

The board adopted an amendment to the Carmel Valley Master Plan that requires twice-a-year traffic counts at twelve locations in Carmel Valley and deferment of development when traffic exceeds standards set in the plan. This is the formal mechanism for implementing the so-called traffic trigger ordered by Judge Richard Silver over a year ago.

Faced with a report that Valley traffic has already exceeded these standards, however, the supervisors decided the evidence is inconclusive. After hearing extensive public testimony questioning the accuracy of the report, the supervisors sent the Public Works Department back for six weeks of further study.

Public Works has six weeks to recheck traffic figures.

Additionally, the board took these actions:

- Instructed the Planning Department to resume processing permit applications, with the proviso that "larger projects" be required to do a study of their traffic impacts.
- Ordered an environmental assessment of traffic improvements needed on Carmel Valley Road.
- Ordered a study of financing options for the road improvements in order to determine what can realistically be accomplished.

The board's actions gave a green light to the Planning Department to resume processing building permits for lots of record in Carmel Valley and Cachagua. There had been a hold on all such permits pending the supervisors' decision.

Limitations still apply to approval of "larger projects." These were defined as any project that creates more traffic than a minor subdivision, which is four single family homes with 28 vehicle "trip ends" per day.

According to Nick Chiulos, senior planner in the County Planning Department, any proposed project that has the potential to create more than 28 trip ends per day will require a traffic study prepared by a registered traffic engineer and reviewed by the Public Works Department.

Any project that creates a significant impact on levels of service on Carmel Valley Road would most likely be delayed pending completion of the Environmental Impact Report on traffic improvements on the road. The board may, however, allow a project to proceed after weighing community benefits against the traffic impacts identified in the traffic study.

During discussion at the board hearing, supervisors indicated an inclination to give such preferential treatment to the Carmel Valley Overview affordable senior housing project and to service centers for Valley contractors.

A time line for preparing the Environmental Impact Report had not yet been developed as of press time. Chiulos noted, however, that such reports generally take five to seven months. Ron Lundquist, supervising civil engineer in the Public Works Department, told the *Sun* that the study of financing options for the needed road improvements will take three to four months to prepare.

Public Works believes the only long term solution to maintain adequate levels of service on Carmel Valley Road is to expand the road to four lanes from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road. The official plan line for the expansion was adopted a long time ago. This year's preliminary County budget has $160,000 to fund environmental studies and preliminary design for this expansion.

CV Road Improvements Estimated at $25 million.

The total bill for needed improvements to Carmel Valley Road will come to $25 million, according to a preliminary estimate by the Public Works Department that was submitted to the supervisors last month. "We have not identified a source for those funds at the present time," Lundquist said. The forthcoming study on financing these improvements will explore the feasibility of putting together a package of funding from a number of different sources.

At the August 2 meeting, the supervisors were unanimous in their desire to avoid another moratorium on development in Carmel Valley. Fifth District Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman spoke as follows:

"We need to act, but not overreact. The traffic figures don't look good. But the public criticism of these figures has been sufficiently convincing that we need to take another look at them. Ultimately, our action may have to be rather drastic, but that time is not now.

"Once a moratorium is instituted, it is very difficult to lift. I recommend no form of moratorium today, but caution our population that it may come to that soon. If that happens, I would recommend exceptions for lots of record, service centers, and other projects for which there is an overriding community need {affordable housing}."

Supervisor Dusan Petrovic noted that the term moratorium comes from the Latin word for death. "Moratoria are not a means to govern. They are a last resort when there is nothing else to do."

Supervisors Barbara Shipnuck and Marc DelPiero pointed out that land use plans designed to protect the environment in one area of the County may have adverse impacts on other areas of the County.

"If we impose tighter standards in one area, we just shift the burden to other parts of the County," Shipnuck said. She advised the audience "to drive Highway 156 at peak hours if you want to see what traffic Levels of Service D, E and F are all about."

Road Improvement Costs And Funding Realities

According to preliminary estimates by the Public Works Department, road improvements foreseen in the Carmel Valley Master Plan will cost almost $25 million. This does not include any improvements east of Esquiline Road, which were not foreseen in the master plan but which a recent traffic study suggests may be required.

Of the $25 million, $14.5 million is for widening Carmel Valley Road to four lanes from Via Petra to Robinson Canyon Road. A climbing lane on Laureles Grade within the master plan area would cost $3 million. Minor interchanges to eliminate the need for signals on Carmel Valley Road would cost $2 million each at the Laureles Grade and Rio Road intersections. (Rio Road will be extended to meet Carmel Valley Road at Rancho Canada.)

The remaining funds will be needed for shoulder widening and left-turn channelization at various locations.

A committee of the Carmel Board of Realtors has analyzed what funding may be available—or, more accurately, will *not* be available—to pay for these improvements. Norma D'Isidoro, Chair of the Carmel Board of Realtors Local Government Relations Committee, included this analysis in a July 11 letter to the Board of Supervisors:

"We cannot depend on the state for money. The state of California is now $3 billion in arrears on *existing* planned state highway projects. As a large rural county with a small population, this puts us near the end of the line in consideration for state funds. Our projected road improvement needs amount to about $300 million over the next twenty years. The state's average contribution to our entire County is only about $5 million per year. In other words, our *only* hope is to raise funds locally and attempt to secure matching funds, where available.

"Likewise, development 'user fees' would fall far short of the needed revenues, even if they could *all* be collected today, which they, of course, cannot. Assuming a development fee of $3,900 for each new lot created, and a $3,900 additional fee for each building permit issued, the total revenues realized over a twenty year period would be about $7.7 million. This figure assumes no credits or waivers of traffic mitigation fees for senior housing or low-to-moderate income housing will be given. Presently, over 300 units of senior and moderate-income housing are being proposed and openly endorsed by board members. Therefore, $4 million over a twenty year period is a more realistic, if not optimistic, expectation of actual user fees.

"Benefit assessment districts are an excellent auxiliary or secondary source of financing, although problematic in implementing. CALTRANS may be able to expedite 'approved projects' where local matching funds are available. In this way, residents of approved project localities may use assessment district monies as 'seed money' to attract matching funds.

"It is clear that no single one of the aforementioned revenue sources will be sufficient to raise the needed $25 million. Therefore, we strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider the 1/2 cent sales tax increase as a viable source of future road funds. Public Works conservatively projects net revenues from such a tax increase to amount to over $230 million over a twenty year period. Starting the process of approving the 1/2 cent sales tax, with its attendant public hearings, will help educate the public on the critical need for road improvements and long-range planning."

(On a split decision in early July, the Board of Supervisors opted *not* to start the process for a 1/2 cent sales tax increase to finance road improvements.)

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Behind The News

By Dick Heuer

Understanding Traffic Counts

The accuracy of traffic counts and analysis of Levels of Service on Carmel Valley Road have emerged as key issues in determining whether or not there will be a moratorium on much of the planned new development in Carmel Valley. At its August 2 meeting, the Board of Supervisors gave the Public Works Department six weeks to re-examine its study of Carmel Valley traffic.

These are highly technical issues. To obtain background information on how traffic analysis is done, the *Sun* questioned two officials of the County Public Works Department—Ron Lundquist, supervising civil engineer, and George Divine, transportation engineer.

This analysis was never intended to give the degree of precision now demanded of it.

The discussion identified problems in how the traffic analysis is done. It also identified problems in how the traffic analysis is being used. This analysis was never intended to develop the degree of precision now being demanded of it in implementing the trigger mechanism in the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

First, it must be noted that there are two separate but related issues. One is the accuracy of the traffic counts. These have been challenged, because they seem to show results that are illogical or inconsistent with the experience of Valley residents. The other is how these raw traffic counts are translated into judgments about Levels of Service on the road.

It is changes in the Level of Service that trigger action under the master plan. Again, the Level of Service analysis included in the Public Works report on Valley traffic has been questioned on the grounds that some conclusions do not seem consistent with the experience of people who drive the road every day.

These two issues are discussed separately.

Divine said "we've gone through the figures a lot, and we're pretty comfortable with the figures being accurate." However, there are certain built-in limitations with this kind of analysis. Lundquist pointed out that such analysis was not intended to give the kind of precision that is now being expected of it.

An automatic traffic counter is used to count vehicles as they pass, but this cannot be done every day of the year in every location where traffic counts are needed. One has to measure a small sample of the traffic and then draw inferences from that sample.

The counter is placed one full week at a time every month at one location on Carmel Valley Road, east of Carmel Rancho Blvd. Information from this counter is used to determine the seasonal influences on traffic. From this data, conclusions are drawn regarding how traffic varies from month to month throughout Carmel Valley.

Traffic is counted for only one day.

The Carmel Valley Master Plan traffic monitoring process now requires that traffic be monitored twice a year at 12 locations within the master plan area. Traffic at these other locations is counted for only one day during each traffic count. Therein lies a problem, as traffic varies from day to day.

The one-day counts are adjusted for seasonal variations, using "factors" developed by analyzing the month-to-month changes in traffic flow at the mouth of the Valley. The daily variations are missed, however. A special event can make a big difference on one day.

As a general rule, it is expected that traffic may go up or down by as much as 10 percent from one day to the next. The higher the volume of traffic, the less variation one would expect. On roads with a low volume of traffic, such as Carmel Valley Road east of the Village, the daily variation can be considerably greater than 10 percent.

This may explain one of the most glaring problems with the traffic counts presented to the Board of Supervisors. These counts showed that traffic east of the Village, from Esquiline Road to Holman Road, decreased by 7 percent from 1985 to 1987. On the very next segment of the road, from Holman Road to the master plan boundary, traffic reportedly increased by 37 percent during the same time period. This is illogical.

"Funding for more extended counts would have to come from the Board of Supervisors."

The traffic count methodology could give such results if the counts were taken on different days and if, on one of those days, there was, for example, a special event at Stonepine Resort that increased traffic.

To limit such distortions, the counting would have to be done over several days. "Funding for the more extended counts would have to be forthcoming from the Board of Supervisors," Lundquist explained.

Level of Service (LOS) is the standard measure calculated by traffic engineers to describe the adequacy of traffic flow. It is measured on a scale of LOS A to LOS F, with F being the worst.

The traffic count is one factor that goes into the computerized formula used to calculate Level of Service. Other factors are width of road, width of shoulders, amount of passing room, terrain, number of trucks, peak hour flows, etc.

The master plan requires that when traffic falls below LOS C, or if already at C or below when it falls to the next lower level, that development be stopped until an EIR is prepared on road improvements and appropriate findings are made.

The traffic study prepared by a consultant and submitted to the supervisors by Public Works shows that LOS on Carmel Valley Road between Rancho San Carlos Road and Robinson Canyon Road has fallen from LOS D to E, thus triggering action under the master plan.

Critics argue that this is contradicted by actual experience on the road. The computer analysis does not jibe with actual observations of the traffic flow. They say the formula used in the computer analysis should be adjusted for local conditions until it gives an answer that is consistent with observations on the road. They state, further, that such adjustments are common practice in other areas.

Public Works will compare observed conditions with results of the computer analysis.

Lundquist and Divine respond that adjusting the formula is commonly done for intersections where signals control the performance, but they are not aware of it ever having been done for a two-lane rural highway.

Starting this week or next, Public Works will conduct a two-week observation study of traffic conditions on Carmel Valley Road to compare observed conditions with results of the computer analysis. Lundquist noted that critics in the public hearings evaluated Level of Service only on the basis of speed of traffic flow. "Freedom to pass and driver comfort are other important factors that need to be evaluated," he said.

Divine observed that there are very few places along Carmel Valley Road where one can safely pass slow moving vehicles. "The computer formula may be placing more importance on restrictions on passing that did those drivers who gave public testimony on traffic conditions. This is where one could possibly modify the formula. But how important is freedom to pass? This is a subjective judgment, and changing the formula may not resolve anything."

Another location where the Level of Service has been questioned is Rio Road. The Public Works report shows this at LOS B, which is very good. The general public impression is that Rio Road is a disaster area. Lundquist and Divine did not dispute that appraisal.

Divine pointed out that this LOS calculation applies to the links between intersections rather than to the road as a whole. It is quite possible for the links to be at LOS B while the intersections are at LOS F. Lundquist said the decision to measure the links rather than the intersections was made by the consultant who prepared the traffic analysis for the master plan EIR. This may have been done to be consistent with the analysis of Carmel Valley Road, which also measures links rather than intersections. This is appropriate for Carmel Valley Road but not for Rio Road. This decision appears to be what causes Rio Road to be rated at LOS B rather than E or F.

"The three signals on Rio Road are too close together to function properly."

At Rio Road, Divine noted, "the problem is the number of signals and the number of local access roads and driveways. This has more bearing on the real LOS than the volume of traffic. The three signals there are too close together to function properly."

Some local residents are concerned that the deceptive LOS B rating could lead to approval of further development on Rio Road that will worsen conditions on a road that many people already consider unacceptable.

Another issue not yet addressed by the County is the prediction of future traffic levels. Under the most optimistic scenario, four-laning of Carmel Valley Road to Robinson Canyon Road is probably 10 years off, and it could easily take considerably longer than that to obtain the funding, draw up the plans and complete the work. Therefore, advance planning is critical.

There has been no effort to predict future traffic conditions based on historical patterns in traffic growth. This is important, as most growth in Carmel Valley traffic comes from outside the master plan area and is not affected by development decisions within the master plan area.

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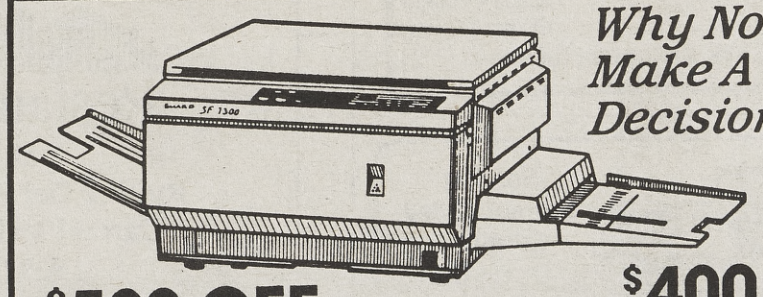
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'Peace Child' Visitors

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16-year-old Moscow girl had been with a Marina family who went to Lake Tahoe, but Zvieta needed to attend Peace Child rehearsals so could not go with them.

Zvieta speaks fluent English, so our visit with the two girls became an ongoing learning event. Both young women behave very politely and thank each of our family members for the smallest favors. Then, when the thank you comes for a large matter, one can expect it to be repeated four or five time throughout the day.

We shopped with them for several items they each wanted. Tanya looked for an inexpensive telephone and jeans. Zvieta wanted vinyl high top tennis shoes to wear during the cold, rainy weather in Moscow. They each found what they wanted along with several other things. They thanked us profusely throughout the day. Zvieta said, "You have brought us great joy today." Our family felt like Santa Claus.

Consumer items are hard to come by in Russia and often quite expensive. Both girls have younger sisters named Natasha who they found crayons and felt tip markers for. They said crayons were unavailable at home and the felt tip markers were high priced. Zvieta explained that her family has a flat near the Kremlin and a small country home outside Moscow. "We use most of our income to run the households." Her mother is a cardiologist and her father the Communist education editor for *Izvestia*, a popular newspaper in Moscow.

Comparing these girls with American teenagers, I have seen many similarities and some differences. Tania irons her clothes almost daily and makes minor sewing repairs as needed, an activity not too many American kids or adults spend much time at.

Zvieta kept asking me if I was tired of them yet, and I would also reply, "No, I like both of you." She said sometimes her folks say that. Later she told about her 16th birthday party where the boys were in a "good mood" and had water pistol fights resulting in ruined wallpaper. I asked if her folks told her they were tired of her then. "Yes."

Both girls belong to the Konsomol, a Communist organization for Russians aged 15 to 28. When talk turned to politics, Zvieta said that the Russian people like Gorbachev and his reforms, but would like to see changes happening more quickly. She laughed about Mrs. Gorbachev and Mrs. Reagan's inability to get along. She said she would like to see her country spend more on medical research and other problems. My husband and I remarked that her desires for her country seemed remarkably similar to our hopes for our country.

Tania and Zvieta both like American food, especially yogurt and ice cream. One staple of American kids that they do not care for at all is cold cereal with milk, but they sometimes eat a bit of it dry.

The Frohman Academy greeted the Russians with a picnic the day they arrived. Each Russian spoke to the group in English and through a translator. I thought one young boy's comments summed up the situation nicely: "I wanted to come here to show Americans that we are just normal people."

POOL AND SPA PARTY—Bipartite discussions continue around Valley pool and spa. (Kim Newman Photo)

SMALL WORLD—While showing photos of her visit to Moscow's 1986 Goodwill Games, Jan Mumford, right, learned that Tania Livitskaya (center) was among gymnasts she saw performing. Tania "flipped in delight" when Jan said that she "loved" her trip to Russia. Pam Rice looks on at left. (C. Rice photo)

'Peace Child' Plays August 18 - 21

Mikel Pippi's dream to bring American and Russian children together to perform in "Peace Child" will come true August 18, 19, and 20 at 8 p.m. and the 21st at 2 p.m. This musical fable, directed by John Pasqualetti of the Frohman Academy and Vladislav Druzhinin of Leningrad, will be performed at the Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center.

Pippi, Frohman director, traveled to Russia last year to arrange for the Russians to come. He plans to take 20 American children to Moscow next summer to perform. He hopes to further the two countries' relationships through the performing arts and people to people contact.

The Americans and Russians rehearse for hours every day. Popular Russian rock musicians Igor Kezlia and Andrei Morgunov will play, and singer Sasha Gradsky, who will tour with John Denver while he is in the States, will also entertain.

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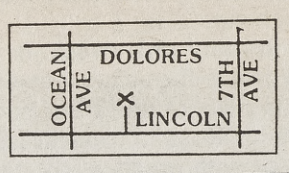

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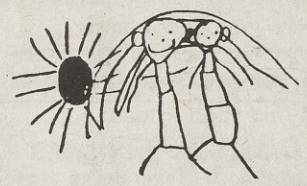

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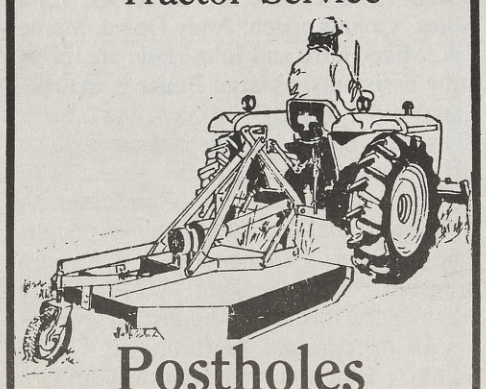

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HEALTH NEWS

Cholesterol

Cholesterol in our blood has become a primary concern to the health of Americans. It is now well established that heart disease resulting from too much cholesterol is a leading cause of death in the U.S. This knowledge has caused medical and nutritional institutions to develop solutions to the problem of too much serum cholesterol.

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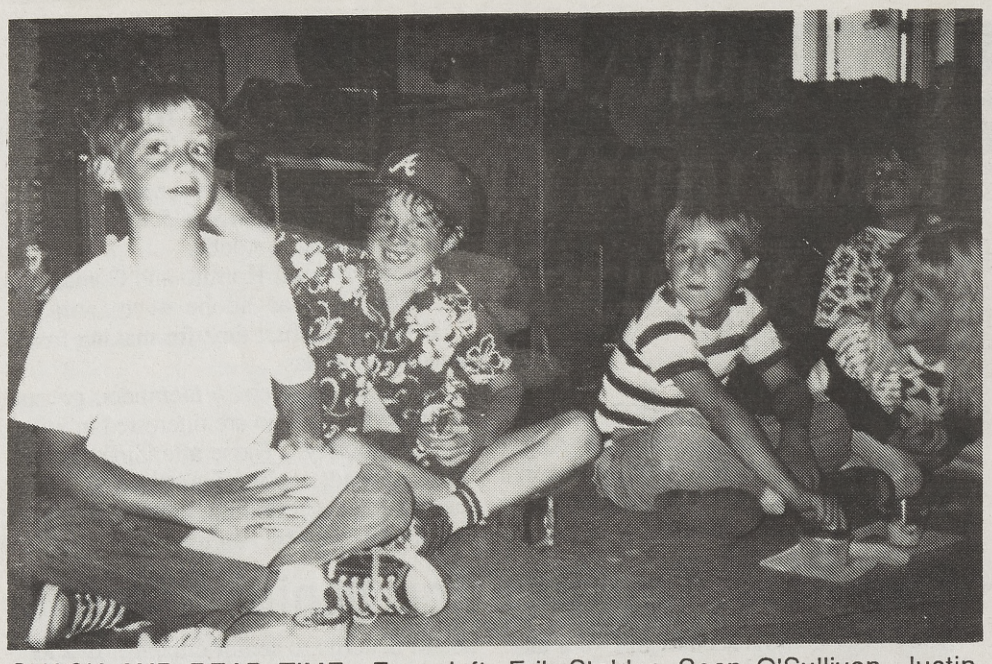

SNACK AND READ TIME—From left, Erik Stalder, Sean O'Sullivan, Justin Gooden, Vanessa Auburn, and Molly Newman (at rear).

SLIP 'N SLIDE—Director Barbara Holine, at right, straightens the plastic sheet, for a favorite program activity, which provides fun while watering the lawn.

Before-After School Childcare Begins September 6 in Village

Registration dates for Tularcitos School's Childcare Program are Tuesday, August 23 and Wednesday, August 24, at 7 p.m. both days, in the multi-purpose room.

The Before-and-After School care program will operate from 7:30 to 9:40 a.m. and from 12:40 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Barbara Beck, program director, reports that registration evenings will include an informational orientation session to acquaint parents with the full program structure.

"Because the need for schoolage childcare has increased in recent years, the program will be expanded this year to accommodate all families who need it. The after-school program will utilize both Tularcitos School and Community Center facilities," she said.

Beck reported as many as 80 Valley youngsters attend the Tularcitos Summer Recreation Program in a single day, with 130 children involved during the summer.

The summer program was made possible by the Carmel School District's participation in the State Latchkey Program with a grant allowing qualifying families to enroll children at greatly reduced rates.

Beck credited the Summer Program staff with the program's success. Nan Brooks and Barbara Holine are directors, John Ables is tennis coach: Andy Dowd, Marne Erk, Mike Herro and John Haile are recreation assistants. Marge Bauer is instructional aide; Terri Grimshaw and Sherry Zens teach dance and music classes, which are enthusiastically attended.

"This is a talented, highly-professional, enthusiastic and dedicated group of people, who carry off a tremendously successful program," Beck reports. "They were commended this month by district trustees for an exceptional performance." The Summer Program will continue through September 2, with the Before-and-After School Childcare Program beginning September 6.

Beck will supervise the school-year program, with Brooks and Holine as directors, and four recreational aides, including Andy Dowd. There possibly may be some tennis instruction by Ables as well, Beck reports.

Together, heart disease, stroke and related disorders kill almost as many Americans as all other causes of death combined, American Heart Association statistics reveal.

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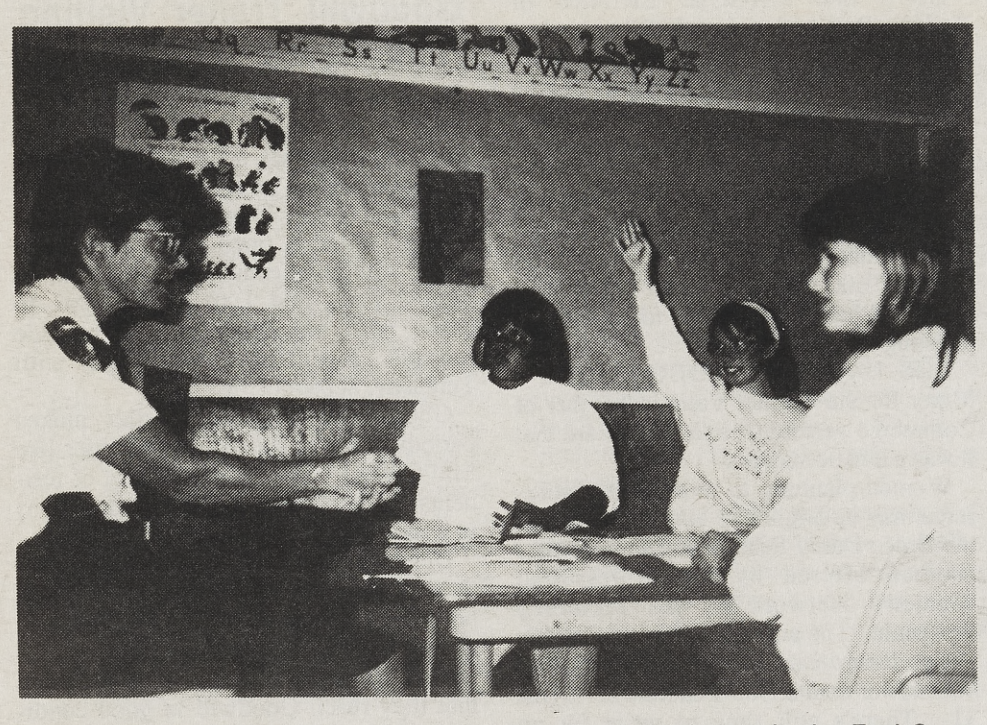

BABYSITTING CLASS—Fire Marshal Sidney Reade, left, taught the Red Cross Babysitting Class for, from right, Sarita Moore, Rachel Smith and Sarah Butcher.

Sunshine To Graduate Twenty Five-Year-Olds

"Caps For Sale" will be the graduates' skit during Sunshine Children's Center 1988 graduation ceremonies August 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Ed Farrington, family counselor, will speak on "Positive Approaches To Healthy Parenting." The rites will also include the full student body singing a number of songs, with the twenty graduating students featured on several.

Valerie Weber and Linda Ocampo are co-owners and directors. Anita Rocciolo is retiring as head teacher and will be recognized during ceremonies. Adrianna Wells is teacher, with Fran Libby, Nancy Gerba and Lisa Fawley as aides.

The center provides for 35 students daily, on a rotating basis between about 70 families, with students aged three months to six years.

Desserts and refreshments will follow formal events for the 1988 graduation.

Mail To Canada Stuck On Old Rates

For the first time, the cost of sending First-Class Mail to Canada is *not* the same as within the U.S. This change has apparently gone unnoticed by a great many customers. A large percentage of letters and post cards destined for Canada are being received with only 25-cent and 15-cent stamps attached, causing costly rehandling and delivery delays.

The recent postal rate changes raised the one-ounce letter to Canada to 30 cents and a post card to 21 cents. The basic rates to Mexico remain the same as the U.S. domestic rates.

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Valley People

By Grace Darcy

A special Happy 44th Birthday to CAROL COVELL, kindergarten teacher at Tularcitos School, who celebrates her natal day on August 22. Special greetings from DIANE SCHOLL who, with CAROL'S many other friends, wish her the happiest of days. Gotcha!

LINDA OLIVIER had a birthday on August 16—Happy Birthday LINDA from all your friends.

Just a reminder to tune into Channel 46—KMS-TV—on September 3. PAT DU VAL will be there at 11:30 p.m. to escort viewers through the Twilight Zone. This is PAT'S inaugural program, so don't miss it!

CRESSANDRA COBB has written a new song entitled "Mother Love." According to CRESSANDRA, "If we are to find peace, we need to focus on the feminine aspect of our mother/father Source." The song has been recorded and a cassette may be purchased through Pythagoras Press, Box 1153, Carmel Valley.

THE COUNTRY PLACE is the newest addition to the many fine restaurants in Carmel Valley. Opened recently by JOAN REILLY in the little house next to the library, the restaurant is open from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days a week. JOAN, who is from Winetka, Illinois, does all the cooking. Two of her seven daughters, AMY GOMEZ and MICHELLE GOMEZ assist JOAN in the restaurant, and the ambience is warm and welcoming. Tell JOAN you read about THE COUNTRY PLACE in the *Sun*.

Around Town...By the time you read this, DORIS and SAL NICITA should be the proud grandparents of daughter JUDY'S first born...KASEY'S addition to their store is lookin' good...Slim and trim HEIDI MIGUEL seen generously sharing a slice of Chef DANIELLE BARDUZZI'S scrumptious Amaretto dessert with friends at THE FISHMONGER; MARY BERTA, looking pretty in pink, sharing lunch with PAULA WAINWRIGHT at SHELLY'S KITCHEN...JOSSE and DEAN DIAZ serve the best Mexican food on the Peninsula in their PLAZA LINDA RESTAURANT on Delfino Place, and right now they're getting ready to host the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on Thursday, August 25 at 12 Noon. RICHARD K. LACK, a Special Agent with the FBI, will be the Chamber's guest speaker. Reservations are required, so call the Chamber at 659-4000.

Many thanks to HARRY OSBORNE and the MONTEREY KIWANIS CLUB for taking the time and making the effort to enhance the entrance (on Carmel Valley Road) of the Hospice...also thanks to HAYWARD LUMBER, GRANITE CONSTRUCTION, BRICKLAYERS & TILE SETTERS LOCAL #16, and BURLWOOD INDUSTRIES all of whom donated time and materials to the project.

Artist MARTIN WEEKLY'S new GALLERY CARMEL on Carmel Rancho Lane is now open. Wellwishers attended the gallery's grand opening on Saturday, August 13, and enjoyed viewing the works of this versatile California-born artist. Be sure to drop by.

Those of you who missed ILLIA THOMPSON'S workshop on journal writing last Saturday should make every effort to attend her next offering. ILLIA is one of Carmel VAlley's most talented writers and the author of *Moments*, a charming book of personal remembrances published by Blackthorne Press.

DICK and MAGGIE BRIARE of Bodega Bay had a wonderful time last week visiting DICK'S sister, ANN OLIVIER, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. A family mini-reunion was the order of the day, and enjoyed by all.

Valley resident BERTHA BROWN will lecture on the Cuna Indians at the Pacific Grove Museum on August 21. BERTHA has over 600 pieces of Cuna Indian artifacts, and her talk promises to be both interesting and informative.

LOS LAURELES LODGE hosted a Mixer for the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce yesterday, and reports are that it was a terrific success!

Women planning to re-enter the workforce may be eligible to take advantage of the Grace Darcy Scholarship for Re-entry Women offered by the Professional Women's Network of the Monterey Peninsula. The amount of the scholarship varies from year to year, but has never been lower than $500. Deadline is August 31. There's still time to write for an application to Scholarship, PWN, Box 221446, Carmel, CA 93922.

If there's a birthday, anniversary, business promotion, special event, illness, catastrophe, or just something to crow about in your life, please share it with *Sun* readers? We'd love to hear from you.

'Til next time...

CHOMP Offers Cholesterol Tests

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula offers non-fasting fingerprick cholesterol testing every Thursday morning by appointment.

Physician referral is not required, and educational materials are provided. The fee is $7. For appointments or further information, contact the Cardiopulmonary Department at 625-4934.

Goodwill Trailer Visiting Mid Valley 'Til Sept. 8

Making it easier for Carmel Valley residents to make their donations to Goodwill Industries, a Goodwill "Attended Donation Station" trailer is now installed at the Mid Valley Shopping Center.

The Trailer is open seven days each week, with an attendant on hand from 10 until 1 p.m., and 1:30 until 5 p.m. to assist with unloading and to provide receipts. It will be at Mid Valley until Thursday, September 8.

Goodwill's "rotating" trailer makes periodic visits to special communities like Mid Carmel Valley at the request of residents, to help them make their donations in a spot near their homes and businesses.

Donors are urged to visit the trailer with their little-used but saleable clothing, household goods, small (working) appliances, furniture, tools, toys, and knick-knacks during attended hours, to ensure that they reach Goodwill in good condition.

Their sale finances Goodwill's vocational training and other services to disabled people of this region, enabling them to become self-supporting through employment.

For donations too large or heavy to bring to the donation station, arrangements can be made for truck pickup by phoning 646-8567.

Golf Tournament Set

The Women's Crisis Centers 2nd Annual tournament benefitting Child Abuse Prevention Programs will be held at 11 a.m., August 19 at Pajaro Valley Golf Course All golfers welcome. For further information, call 757-1002.

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League Study Examines Reapportionment

The League of Women Voters of California has recently completed a one year study of reapportionment. One of the results of the study is an informational pamphlet now available to the public, *Redistricting in California in the 1990s: The Process and the Public Interest.*

The national census will be taken on April 1, 1990. The following year, the 435 congressional seats will be reapportioned among the states to equalize as much as possible the number of people in each congressional district. It is anticipated that California's delegation will increase from the present 45 to 47 or even 48 representatives.

In addition, adjustments for population shifts within California will require that district lines also be re-drawn for all state Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization districts.

New district lines will influence the outcomes of elections for the following ten years. Understandably, both major political parties are very interested in what rules will govern the next redistricting. Many sources will propose different suggestions. It will be difficult for the public to judge the effects of implementing the different rules that are proposed.

The League's eight-page pamphlet addresses the legal requirements as well as the other main influences on redistricting. It describes the competitive nature of various standards. How gerrymanders can achieve desired results is shown in easy-to-understand charts. It explains how compact districts also have political implications.

Arguments in favor of having the legislature or of having a special commission as the redistricting authority are presented, offering new insights into the dilemmas this aspect alone raises.

The publication was funded in part by the California Council for the Humanities, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Redistricting in California in the 1990s: The Process and the Public Interest is available from the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, 926 J Street, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95814. Copies are $2.50 each, tax and postage paid.

Beacon House Race Set September 18 in PG

It is time to enter Beacon House's sixth annual Monterey Bay Ten-K—Run for the Beacon. This year's date is Sunday, September 18. Entry forms are available now at Beacon House. Early entries (prior to September 9th) pay only $12, which includes a long-sleeve T-shirt.

The scenic race start and finish line is Lover's Point in Pacific Grove. The Monterey Bay Ten-K is the largest run of its type on the Peninsula. All age groups will again be represented as well as wheel chair entrants. Starting time is 9 a.m.

For information and registration call 372-2334, or write to Monterey Bay Ten-K, Attention: Will Franke, P.O. Box 301, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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In fact, she plans another of her popular three-month design workshops beginning in January. The workshops feature one full-day session per month, with each session *at least* six hours.

In 1945, Juanita was the young bride of Capt. Ken Hohler. They discovered Carmel Valley during a Sunday drive less than a month after arriving at Ft. Ord. "We fell in love with the Valley, and that was it. We still live in the La Rancheria house we started building in 1945, after finding the Valley and deciding to stay."

They raised five children, Michael, Steven, Kenneth, Valerie and Angie, and are proud grandparents of six; Mike Jr., Steven's Matt and Danny, and Valerie's Joel, Jennifer and Jessica. Ken retired from Pacific Bell, "The same year I came to the Golden Fleece," Juanita says. He jogs and walks and they enjoy cruises, "But he won't let me take my needlework."

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Real Estate Report

Selling Your House 'As Is'

By Rita Base Winn, Realtor Associate
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You've lived in your home for several years. You love the old thing. It has its problems, plenty of them, but you don't want to fix them. You just want to sell your home and move on. Is it possible for you to sell your property "as is"?

In today's world of increased litigation, sophisticated buyers and sellers, and recent legislation regarding homeowners responsibility for disclosure, you can no longer glibly state, "There it is, take it or leave it. Buyers beware!"

Can you sell your property "as is"? The answer is a qualified yes.

In recent years, our legal system has become considerably more concerned about protecting buyers' and consumers' rights. Currently, state legislation requires a seller of residential properties of from one to four units to provide a written disclosure of any known defect in the home that is not observable to the buyer and that may materially affect its value or desirability.

In this type of sale, the important part of the disclosure is to inform the buyer of any conditions of which you are aware and to allow the buyer, after being made aware of these conditions, to make a choice. The buyer may accept the conditions and proceed with the sale, or may reject the conditions.

When the sale proceeds with the property being sold in its present condition, with no implied warranty as to condition, then the seller is not liable for any defects in the condition of the property. Unless, of course, the seller intentionally conceals known facts relating to defects, whether or not they are visible.

Misrepresentation of material facts about the property may give legal cause for a contract to be rescinded or for other legal action.

It is to the seller's benefit to tell the truth, to disclose everything from the very beginning. Most buyers can work through information about the property when given details at the beginning of a transaction. Normally, it is the unknown facts that creep out bit-by-bit at later times that will destroy your sale.

Material facts include but are not limited to: additions or changes you have made to the house with or without permit, such as enclosing a deck, adding a bathroom, or converting the garage to a family room. Additionally, has your roof leaked? Does mud collect against the back of the house after heavy rains? Is the fence shared with the neighbors?

Another way of looking at disclosure is, what would you want to know about your house if you were buying it today?

If, like many people, you just live in your home and feel unsure about its condition, there are currently a host of professional inspectors, contractors, roofers and others who can be called upon to give detailed written reports as to the condition of your home. Although a home inspection is not a requirement of disclosure, getting an inspection is an inexpensive way to get an unbiased overview of the merits as well as the problems your home may have.

Can you sell your house "as is"? Yes, but be careful. Give full information about the condition of your property, and ask for professional help if you are not sure of what you should do.

Adult Literacy Tutor Training August 27

The Monterey County Library Adult Literacy Program will offer a free training workshop for prospective volunteer tutors on Monday, August 27, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Seaside's Library.

There is no fee, but registration is required.

For information, or to register, call the Monterey County Library Adult Literacy Center, or Pat Jones at 633-4190, or 1-800-446-8789.

All Breed Dog Show August 27

Nearly 2,000 dogs, representing more than 100 breeds from the Afghan Hound to Yorkshire Terrier, will gather on the grounds of Carmel Middle School on Saturday, August 27, for Del Monte Kennel Club's annual summer All-Breed Dog Show and Obedience Trial. Exhibiting begins at 8 a..m., continuing until Best in Show judging is completed at 5 p.m.

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Your Garden

By Victoria Truman-Bates

Did you know that Monterey County's Planning and Building Departments are on our side? I've recently had quite a bit of contact with these departments about drought tolerant landscape plantings for new construction. It is now required that a plan for plantings and irrigation be presented along with the building plans. What this does for us, the people who live on the Peninsula, is to insure that at least new buildings take care in their plantings. Also, irrigation is planned to be adequate in coverage and amount to insure healthy growth with a minimum of waste. So...Yeah-Team!

Jobs For August

Water: Watch the newspapers for information about water rationing and continue to monitor your water system; if you are hand watering, do it early (5 or 6 a.m.).

Fertilizing: Start to cut back on nitrogen and apply a complete fertilizer (this is where the numbers are all about the same; 12-12-12 is an example) to shrubs and lawn to strengthen roots for winter. Feed your azaleas, camellias, and rhododendrons for the last time within this month. Remember to water at the same time you feed.

Insects: Watch for spider mites on all plants, and especially roses. A fine spray of water will work to knock them off *if* you do it every day, or check with your local nursery about the products they recommend.

Plant: Continue to plant annuals and perennials for winter color. Chrysanthemums give long lasting color that comes up year after year.

Your Questions:

"My roses are healthy, but I never get any flowers because the deer eat them all. I live at the top of Hitchcock Canyon and can't effectively fence the area. What can I do?"..Cindy

Normally, I don't recommend specific products, but Sean, our maintenance foreman, has had great success with Deer Away. It's available at some local nurseries, but call first. It stays on for 4-6 weeks and Sean tells me it even works in Pebble Beach...Victoria

Plants To Consider

Fremontodendron (Flannel Bush) When I asked Salih Mehdy what he would like to communicate to gardeners, this is what he told me. (Salih reminds us that the bush is in bloom now and if we plant it to not water it too much.)

Contributions

Familiarity with Nature never breeds contempt. The more one learns, the more one expects surprises, and the more he becomes aware of the inscrutable

Archibald Rutledge

Sent to us by Jeanelle....Thanks

Monterey Mattress Has Antique Quilts

The Monterey Mattress Company of Carmel Rancho and Sand City now carries a selected line of antique quilts, some dating back as far as the 1880s. The quilts come from Iowa, and some are old Amish creations.

The quilts range in size from crib and youth size up to full size and larger, and come in a variety of colors and patterns. Monterey Mattress also carries new quilts.

"These quilts are wonderful examples of the finest in American art," said Dale Gingerich, owner of Monterey Mattress. "We're fortunate that a new assortment comes in every month."

The quilts are on display at the Carmel Rancho Lane store and the public is invited to drop be and see these examples of American folk art.

The Carmel Valley Firefighters

Who They Are—What They Do

By John Radon

Carmel Valley Firefighters Respond Throughout State.

At 4:56 a.m. on July 20, the State Office of Emergency Services requested dispatch of the five engine strike team, which includes Carmel Valley Fire Department, to respond to the Calaveras County fire near the town of Jackson.

Twenty minutes later, Kalani Fonseca, Herb Shoemaker, and Rob Woods were on their way aboard O.E.S. Engine 134, equipped for a three day stay on or near the fireline. Had the engine been needed longer, C.V.F.D. would have sent a relief crew but, fortunately, they returned on July 22.

The O.E.S. has approximately 200 such engines housed in fire stations throughout the state. The stations that house them are responsible for the maintenance of the engines and may use them as a backup engine, but if requested by O.E.S., the engines must be ready to leave the station within 20 minutes of a dispatch with a three person crew.

C.V.F.D. became involved in this program when it was necessary to replace our original engine which, though a backup engine, was not up to current standards as a rated pumper. Chief Bob Heald inquired about the availability of an O.E.S. engine and discussed the possible use of one with the C.V.F.P.D. Board of Commissioners. In a move to save the district taxpayers the cost of a new engine (approximately $265,000), the Board directed the chief to pursue acquisition of an O.E.S. engine, pending approval by the Volunteers.

Upon hearing the explanation of the dispatch process, the Valley Volunteers voted to accept the proposal, and the District took delivery of O.E.S. 134 in July of 1984.

Child's Play Can Cause Wildfire Devastation

"Parents with young children, watch your matches and cigarette lighters," warns Robert Taylor, Area Chief of the California Department of Forestry.

Young boys, 6 to 12 years old, particularly are prone to playing with fire. "These children will often seek a hidden area to play with matches in secret," Taylor advises.

He notes that it is advisable for parents to keep matches in a secure place or on their persons. It is also advisable to discuss playing with fire and its consequences to children and, from time to time, check the child's play area, especially if it is a secluded spot. If playing with matches is a new game, it will be evidenced by many struck matches littering the ground.

It is important for parents to carefully monitor their children and their own matches. Parents are financially responsible for any damages a wildfire may cause, if the child starts one by playing with fire.

Parents also can be held responsible for fire suppression costs.

"By following the simple guides offered above, parents lower the risk of wildfire," Taylor concluded.

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VALLEY VOICES

What Changes In Carmel Valley Would Make It A Better Place?

AMY GOMEZ,
Manager, The Country Place
I think traffic is definitely a problem. I know there are efforts being made to control the speed of traffic on Carmel Valley Road, and I think we need that. I think we need it more than we need control on Highway 1, and I don't think we need the Hatton Canyon Freeway. On the plus side, I love the sun in the Valley, and the mountains are beautiful.

SUE VAZORKA,
Table Server, The Country Place
I would change the price of real estate to make it more reasonable for the average person. As it is, young people really cannot afford to live here. Otherwise, the Valley is beautiful, and I love it!

DONNA HAMILTON
Owner, The Iron Kettle
We need respect for ourselves and the Valley as a whole. Address the dangerous intersections at Ford, Pilot and Los Laureles, and achieve traffic control, especially in the middle of the Village.

GREGG KING,
MPTV Technician
I would make the Carmel Valley Road four lanes from Highway 1 to the Los Laureles grade. I would also put street numbers on every home to help the utilities people, the UPS delivery people, the Sheriff's deputies, and out-of-town visitors. Otherwise, I love the Valley.

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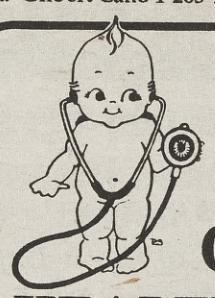

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